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NEWTON

*La généralité que j'embrasse, au lieu d'éblouir nos lumieres, nous decouvrira plutôt les véritables loix de la Nature dans tout leur éclat, & on y trouvera des raisons encore plus fortes, d'en admirer la beauté & la simplicité.*

EULER

*... ut proinde his paucis consideratis tota haec materia redacta sit ad puram Geometriam, quod in physicis & mechanicis unice desideratum.*

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